

precipitation or cloudiness was obtained from the blood of the dog, pig, ox and sheep.

Several other instances of the medico-legal use of this test have been reported unofficially. The official reports will probably be published in the near future. While the reaction is not absolutely a specific one, occurring as has been pointed out in certain other animals, it seems to be reliable in distinguishing human blood from the blood of those domestic or common mammalian animals whose corpuscles most nearly resemble human blood corpuscles. While, therefore, it may not wholly replace studies of the size of corpuscles and differential counts of leucocytes to determine the percentage of different forms of granules, yet, as a method of medico-legal differentiation, it is a powerful adjuvant and is undoubtedly by far the most useful test at the present time. Some experiments in the direction of agglutination of red blood corpuscles by serum of immunized rabbits give promise that in the future this method may supplement the method of precipitation. It is too early, however, to consider this method, which has certainly not as yet reached the dignity of a practical procedure.

*Stated Meeting, December 19, 1902.*

President WISTAR in the Chair.

The list of donations to the Library was laid on the table and thanks were ordered for them.

The President appointed Mr. Henry Pettit to prepare an obituary notice of the late Joseph M. Wilson.

The resignations of Messrs. C. Hanford Henderson and of Samuel N. Rhoads were received and accepted.